

## Post-Doctoral Researcher in World Archaeology

**Date :** February 12, 2009

Grade 6 £25,623 - £30,594

(Full time fixed term appointment from 1st April '09 to 30th Sept. 2010)

The Pitt Rivers Museum is the University of Oxford's Museum of Anthropology and World Archaeology. It is noted for its artefact rich displays, its period atmosphere and for a strong research culture. Its collections number some 295,000 artefacts, 290,000 photographs. The Museum holds over 100,000 archaeological objects (around 35% of the collection as a whole) from over 70 countries.

Applications are invited for an 18 month fixed-term Post-Doctoral Researcher position which forms part of a project funded by the John Fell OUP Research Fund, Characterizing the World Archaeology of the Pitt Rivers Museum: defining research priorities 2010-2020.

Led by Dan Hicks and Jeremy Coote, the project will facilitate a detailed characterization of the range and significance of the world archaeology collections. Working in a team the Researcher will support a programme of research visits by a Specialist Panel of regional and period experts in world archaeology. The characterization programme will lead to the production of a characterization document, and a peer-reviewed journal article. The programme will significantly increase the accessibility of the collections for research and will define the future research priorities for the study of these collections.

The candidate should have a PhD (in hand) in Archaeology or related field. They should have a demonstrable skill in working with and safe handling of museums collections, a sound general knowledge of world archaeology, ability in editorial writing or report-writing, excellent organisational skills, and a demonstrated capacity to work successfully as part of a team.

Professional experience in a museum or professional archaeology environment would be desirable as would a detailed knowledge of the archaeological material culture of a region or period represented in the Museums collection and experience in organising projects in an academic environment.

Applications, including full curriculum vitae, a completed application form, a covering letter addressing the criteria and the names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to the Administrator, Pitt Rivers Museum, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PP.

Closing date for applications: 24th February 2009. Interviews will be held on Wednesday 4th March 2009.

Further particulars: <http://www.prm.ox.ac.uk/pdf/PRMPDRJD.pdf>

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